



Helping Community Cats: Trap-Neuter-Return





What is Trap-Neuter-Return?

Method by which entire colonies of community cats are humanely trapped, spayed or neutered, vaccinated, eartipped, and returned to their outdoor home.



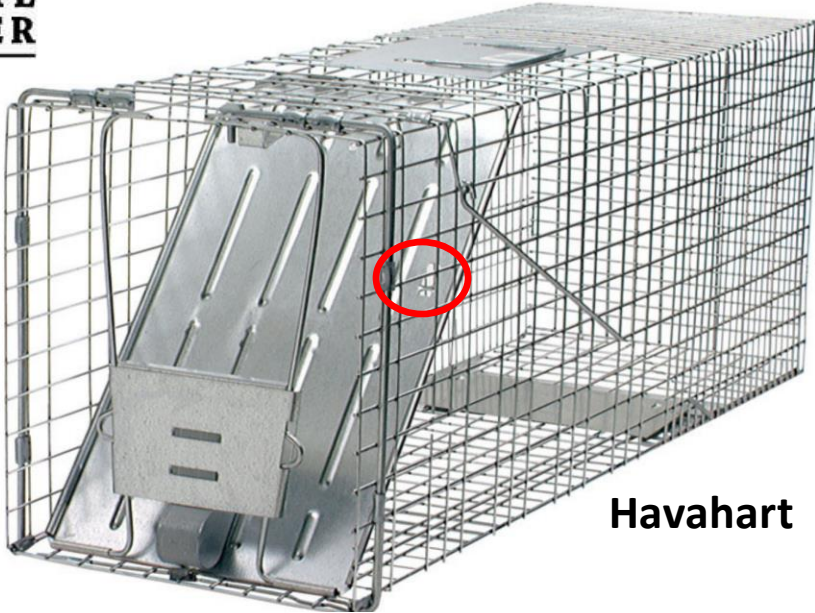


Why TNR?

- Four key reasons for TNR:
 - Stabilizes cat populations
 - Improves cats' individual lives
 - Cats become better neighbors
 - Helps the shelter



Borrowing Traps



Havahart



Tomahawk



Tru-Catch



- Traps (count how many you set out)
- Newspaper
- Bait
- Trap covers
- Gloves
- Flashlight/Headlamp
- Vehicle liners
- Patience





TNR Steps

1. Establish Feeding Schedule
 - Feed same time every day (once or twice a day)
 - Pick up dishes after 20 minutes
 - Do not leave food out for grazing
 - Do this for two weeks prior to trapping
2. Email ffxtnr@gmail.com to make Clinic appointment (you must have an appointment)
3. Borrow traps
4. Do not feed on day prior to trapping (cats need to be hungry – they will not starve)
5. Set up holding area for Sunday and Monday night
6. Trap!!!!
7. Email ffxtnr@gmail.com on Sunday to provide update on trapping success
8. Bring cats to TNR Clinic on Monday morning (remember to line inside of car to prevent damage to seats and other surfaces)



TNR Clinic

- Clinics are held every Monday (except for some holidays)
 - ✓ 4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax
- Drop off is between 6AM and 8AM
 - ✓ All cats must be in traps
- Clinic will call you when cats are ready for pick-up (generally in early afternoon)
- Receive Rabies Certificate and medical record
- Keep cats in a safe place (in traps) overnight
- Release cats the next day (nursing cats should be released immediately)



Monday Clinic Process

Drop-Off

- Place traps and Registration Forms (one for each location) on picnic table outside of Training Room Door
- We will come out and pick up cats and forms from the picnic table and bring them into the building

Pick-Up

- Text when you arrive to pick up
- We will place traps, medical records and rabies certificates on picnic table